

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (original) A hair clipper protective and identifying method, for use with a hair clipper having a handle portion and a top cutting portion having an angled blade, using a protective cap having a front wall, rear wall, side walls, and an open bottom edge that together define an enclosed cap, and indicia labels, at least one of the indicia labels reading "soiled", and at least one of the indicia labels reading "clean", comprising the steps of:

applying the indicia label reading "clean" onto the front wall of the protective cap;

covering the angled blade of the clipper by extending the top cutting portion into the protective cap at the bottom edge;

removing the angled blade from the protective cap;

using the hair clipper to trim hair;

applying the indicia label reading "soiled" onto the front wall of the protective cap; and

covering the angled blade of the clipper by extending the top cutting portion into the protective cap at the bottom edge.

4. (original) A hair clipper protective and identifying method, for use with a hair clipper having a handle portion and a top cutting portion having an angled blade, using protective caps, each having a front wall, rear wall, side

walls, and an open bottom edge that together define an enclosed cap, at least one of the caps has an indicia label reading "soiled", and at least one of the caps has an indicia label reading "clean", comprising the steps of:

- covering the angled blade of the clipper with the protective cap having the indicia label reading "clean" by extending the top cutting portion into said protective cap at the bottom edge;
- removing the angled blade from said protective cap;
- using the hair clipper to trim hair;
- covering the angled blade of the clipper with the protective cap having the indicia label reading "soiled" by extending the top cutting portion into said protective cap at the bottom edge.